

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9065–S9097

Measures Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1646–1648, and S. Res. 251–252. **Page S9078**

Measures Passed:

National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 241, designating the period beginning on September 13, 2009, and ending on September 19, 2009, as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week”, and supporting the goals and ideals of a National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease and the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S9090–91**

Government of Afghanistan Elections: Senate agreed to S. Res. 251, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of Afghanistan, with the support of the international community, should fulfill its obligations to ensure that women fully participate as candidates and voters in the August 20, 2009, presidential and provincial council elections in Afghanistan. **Page S9091**

Authorizing Photograph in Senate Chamber: Senate agreed to S. Res. 252, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber in the United States Senate. **Page S9091**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, as amended by Public Law 110–315, appointed the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Sharon Wurm of Nevada and John McNamara of Illinois. **Page S9091**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate’s recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters

on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. **Page S9091**

Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Pages S9091–92**

Sunstein Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. **Page S9095**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. **Pages S9095–96**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the pro forma session on Monday, August 10, 2009 not count as the intervening day. **Page S9096**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

A. Thomas McLellan, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

Wilma A. Lewis, of the Virgin Islands, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Philip L. Verveer, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs and U. S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy.